COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2681/98

of 11 December 1998

fixing the maximum buying-in price and the quantities of beef to be bought in under the 214th partial invitation to tender as a general intervention measure pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1633/98 [2], and in particular Article 6(7) thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93 of 1 September 1993 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 as regards the general and special intervention measures for beef [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2304/98 [4], an invitation to tender was opened pursuant to Article 1(1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 of 9 June 1989 on the buying in of beef by invitation to tender [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2466/98 [6];

Whereas, in accordance with Article 13(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93, a maximum buying-in price is to be fixed for quality R3, where appropriate, under each partial invitation to tender in the light of tenders received; whereas, in accordance with Article 13(2) of that Regulation, a decision may be taken not to proceed with the tendering procedure; whereas, in accordance with Article 14 of that Regulation, only tenders quoting prices not exceeding the maximum buying-in price and not exceeding the average national or regional market price, plus the amount referred to in paragraph 1 of that Article, are to be accepted;

Whereas, once tenders submitted in respect of the 214th partial invitation to tender have been considered and taking account, pursuant to Article 6(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, of the requirements for reasonable support of the market and the seasonal trend in slaughterings and prices, it has been decided not to proceed with the tendering procedure for category A and to fix the maximum buying-in price and the quantities which may be accepted into intervention for category C;

Whereas the scale of the quantities awarded warrants the application of the possibility provided for in Article 16(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93 of extending the period during which the intervention products are to be delivered;

Whereas Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1103/97 of 17 June 1997 on certain provisions relating to the introduction of the euro [7] provides that, as from 1 January 1999, all references to the ecu in legal instruments are to be replaced by references to the euro at the rate of EUR 1 to ECU 1;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Under the 214th partial invitation to tender opened pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89:

(a) for category A, it has been decided not to proceed with the tendering procedure;

(b) for category C:

— the maximum buying-in price shall be ECU 235,50 per 100 kg of carcases or half-carcases of quality R3,

— the maximum quantity of carcases, half-carcases and forequarters accepted shall be 2 451 tonnes.

Article 2

By derogation to Article 16(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93, the time limit for delivery to intervention stores is extended by one week to 6 January 1999. However, in Member States where no deliveries may be made during the period 24 December 1998 to 3 January 1999 or during part thereof, the time limit for delivery shall be extended by the corresponding number of days.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 14 December 1998.

[1] OJ L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
[2] OJ L 210, 28. 7. 1998, p. 17.
[3] OJ L 225, 4. 9. 1993, p. 4.
[4] OJ L 288, 27. 10. 1998, p. 3.
[5] OJ L 159, 10. 6. 1989, p. 36.
[6] OJ L 307, 17. 11. 1998, p. 13.
[7] OJ L 162, 19. 6. 1997, p. 1.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11 December 1998.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission